

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The City of Lemmon, South Dakota, was founded in 1907 by noted cowboy and cattleman George Edward "Ed" Lemmon; and,

Whereas, Lemmon established the prairie community along the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad line, which crossed the Missouri River at a point of his choosing and followed a route he selected; and,

Whereas, The City of Lemmon features the World's Largest Petrified Wood Park, a unique attraction constructed in the mid-1930s and featuring many examples of the area's abundant prehistoric fossils and petrified wood; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Lemmon have long called the town's founder "Dad" for his proclivity for entertaining children with stories about his 53 years as an open range cowboy and his habit of buying them candy; and,

Whereas, "Dad" Lemmon has been the subject of several books, including *Boss Cowman* by Nellie Snyder Yost, *The West as I Lived It* by Phyllis Schmidt, and most recently, *Controlled Recklessness* by Dr. Nathan Sanderson; and,

Whereas, Each year since 1971 the City of Lemmon has hosted an annual "Boss Cowman" community celebration and rodeo, which attracts cowboys and cowgirls from around the United States; and,

Whereas, The Boss Cowman rodeo has been named South Dakota Rodeo Association "Rodeo of the Year" seven out of the last nine years for its quality stock, efficient operations, and substantial payouts; and,

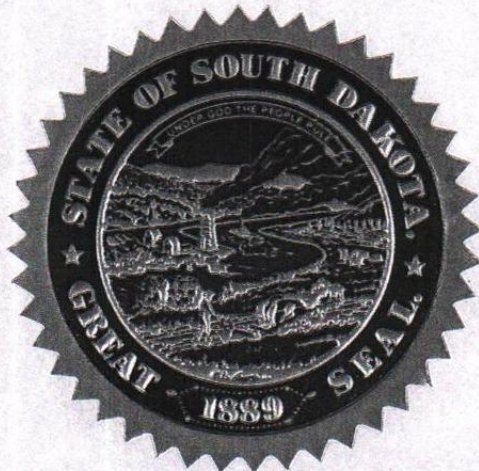
Whereas, The 2016 Boss Cowman Celebration and Rodeo will take place July 7-10 in Lemmon; and,

Whereas, On July 9, the citizens of Lemmon will dedicate 'Boss Cowman Square' on Main Street, which features an impressive mural depicting a traditional cattle drive and a fascinating metal sculpture of Ed Lemmon by renowned artist John Lopez:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 7-10, 2016, as

BOSS COWMAN DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State